MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
June 24, 2008
Austin, Texas

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on June 24, 2008. Attending
the meeting were Chairman Allan Polunsky and Commissioners Elizabeth
Anderson, Carin Barth and Tom Clowe. Colonel Tommy Davis, Director; Lt.
Colonel David McEathron, Assistant Director; and other DPS staff members and
guests were also present.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Polunsky stated the meeting would be started late due to
the late arrival of one of the Commissioners.

At 9:47 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Polunsky and role call
was taken. All members were present. Proper notice for an emergency meeting
had been posted in accordance with Section 551.045, Texas Gov. Code.

The Commission discussed the Department of Public Safety response to the
Sunset Advisory Commission's staff report recommendations. Chairman
Polunsky gave a chronology of dates concerning the recommendations and
stated it was a situation where the Commission was in between meetings and
unable to meet to discuss these recommendations. He further stated he had
directed DPS staff to agree with all the recommendations except the promotional
system one and that some of the Commissioners later expressed they did not
necessarily agree with the position taken by DPS. He stated this meeting had
been called so the Public Safety Commission could discuss this matter in an
open meeting.

Commissioner Anderson remarked on her disagreement to some extent on the
DPS position on the promotion system issue. She stated she felt the Department
should look into its policy and make some beneficial changes without legislative
directive.

Commissioner Barth stated she agreed with Commissioner Anderson's
comments and had already asked Colonel Davis to look at other states' policies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson that the Department does not
agree with specific recommendations in the report concerning the promotion
policy and will undertake a reasonable review of policies and procedures,
including other states, to see what changes can be made to our policy. Mary
Ann Courter, General Counsel, stated the Commission as a body can vote on
their response to the recommendations. Commissioner Barth seconded the
motion. There was some discussion on this item. Motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner Barth asked what the position was on the Driver License issue. Chairman Polunsky stated we are in agreement with the Sunset Advisory Staff's recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.